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## HAD FIGHT WITH WHALE.

Two Nova Scotia Fishermen Caught One on Trawl Anchor.

James Simms and Robert Hersey, two members of the crew of the Nova Scotia fishing sch. Kernwood had a thrilling experience with a whale while out trawling off Seal Island. They had pulled up about 50 fathoms of the trawl, when they felt a heavy weight on it, and at the same time the dory began to go under. The two men stared at each other for a moment, as neither could imagine what was the matter, but it seemed they had hooked a whale with the anchor and he was making off with them. Hersey tried to let go the gurdy, but was unable to do so, as the whale kept the line taut, so they let the turn slip until they had paid out several fathoms of line, when the whale reached bottom, and they were able to let go in turn. They no sooner had this done than the whale made another dive, and they held on the buoy till they thought he had dragged them far enough, and then let go. The body immediately sank, but came to the surface several yards off, the whale having made off with the anchor and several fathoms of rope. They judged the whale to be of medium size.

## WILL COMMAND NEW CRAFT.

Capt. Frank Watts to Sail in Sch. Gladys and Nellie.

Capt. Frank Watts, who has had sch. Seaconnet for some time, left her yesterday to take charge of the Gladys and Nellie, which was built for him and launched at this port last Monday. The new sch. is a knockabout, built on the same lines as the Pontiac, but somewhat longer. She measures 117 feet over all, 23 feet beam and 11 feet depth of hold, and registers 107 tons gross. Capt. Watts will bring his new vessel to Boston to fit out. The Seaconnet will be in charge of Capt. Fred Quinlan, who has been on several other vessels, and is an experienced fisherman.

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## HERRING LEFT BONNE BAY.

Fleet Have Gone to Bay of Islands to Complete Their Fares.

Dispatches last night state that herring have now entirely left Bonne Bay, N. F., and the whole fleet have gone to Bay of Islands to complete their fares. Schs. J. J. Flaherty and Judique, with salt and sch. Annie M. Parker, with frozen, have sailed for home. There is no change in the good outlook at Bay of Islands.

## Halifax Fish Market.

The Halifax Chronicle thus sizes up the Provincial salt cod situation:

"The market on the whole is very strong with the tendency still upwards. Bank codfish ex-vessel have sold as high as \$4.75. Prices are now reaching a dangerous limit, and most of the exporters are no longer anxious to secure stock still unsold in fishermen's hands.

"The Lenten requirements, especially for distant consuming centres, are now being shipped, and naturally cause a fairly optimistic feeling in the minds of exporters, but as soon as the demand slackens off, holders will feel a little anxious in view of their disastrous experience covering the last two or three years. The statistical position, however, is good and the fact that all other provisions are almost at record prices, should ensure a fairly good consumption of fish at their present high level. The bad weather of late has precluded any possibility of making, before the spring, the late caught fall fish. About 75,000 quintals of this grade are known to be now carried by the fishermen on the coast. 15,000 to 25,000 would cover the entire quantity of this quality not in shipping order in Nova Scotia.

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## Portland Fish Notes.

The recent arrival in this city of a refrigerator car from the Pacific coast laden with salmon and halibut proved such a success that it is understood that a second car will shortly be shipped eastward, also consigned to the Portland Cold Storage Co.

Commander M. C. Fahs, inspector of this the first lighthouse district, has posted notices announcing the sale of the venerable lighthouse tender Geranium. She will be sold by auction to the highest bidder on Wednesday, January 19, at 10 a. m., at the outer end of Custom House wharf.

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## FIFTEEN CRAFT AT T WHARF.

Prices Lower But Still Are Good For Week-end.

Fifteen vessels, two of them off shores, one a South Channel craft and the rest market boats, have arrived at T wharf since last report. As was expected, it being the latter part of the week, prices fell off a bit but can still be classed as good, new haddock bringing from \$3 to \$4, with large cod at \$4.85 to \$5.50. Hake hold at the same old \$2 to \$5 and pollock are solid at \$2.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, came in yesterday afternoon from Western Bank with 48,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock, and is in for another good stock, this being her second trip this month from the eastward in spite of all the bad weather and will give her a stock of about \$3000 since December came in.

This morning sch. Mystery, from Western Bank, has 30,000 pounds, the largest trip in. The shore boat fares are mostly from 2000 to 5000 pounds, only a few going over that figure. The pollckers Appomattox and Pauline, have nice fares. Of the shore boats, sch. Seaconnet leads with 14,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Lucania, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Dixie, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Motor, 2500 haddock, 800 cod, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Lillian, 1800 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Mystery, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Pauline, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Appomattox, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Diana, 1000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.  
Str. Lydia, 1300 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.  
Sch. Nettie, 400 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.85 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$2.

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## FISH PRICES WELL MAINTAINED

Considering Next Week Is Holiday Week.

T wharf closes its week today with a dozen fishing arrivals. Three of the off shore fleet are in, one of them, sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, having the banner fare of the week, 80,000 pounds. Prices are unusually good for the Saturday before the holiday week and the Cynthia is in for a stock up around the \$2000 mark.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton has a paying trip, and sch. Georgianna a small catch. Some of the Plymouth netters have fine trips and two of the pollckers will profit well. Of the market boats, sch. Evelyn M. Thompson is high, with 16,000 pounds.

When the few shore boats in got a chance to set is a mystery as it has blown all the week. They took chances all right.

New off shore haddock brought \$3 and shore haddock \$3.25 to \$3.75. Shore cod were around \$4 and pollock \$1.75 to \$2.05.

For the week ending Thursday night there were 102 arrivals with 1,781,800 pounds of fresh fish at Boston against 105 arrivals with 1,726,200 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Cherokee, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Marguerite, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Minerva, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 pollock.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Rebecca, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Cynthia, 50,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Good Luck, 11,000 pollock.  
Sch. Lafayette, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Georgianna, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake, 500 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; shore market cod, \$4 to \$4.25; pollock, \$1.75 to \$2.05.

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## SCHOOLING OFF CAPE HATTERAS.

Capt. John F. Vautier Reports Sailing Through Large Rafts of Mackerel.

May Help Solve Question of Their Disappearance.

The report of Capt. John F. Vautier of this port of mackerel schooling freely and in large numbers just to the southward of Cape Hatteras may tend to solve the problem of where the mackerel go after leaving this and the Nova Scotia coast in the fall of the year.

Capt. Vautier, who is one of the leading mackerel skippers of this port, and who engages in the coasting trade in the winter, was here a few days ago. He is first mate in one of the big six-masters, and as the craft came to Boston this week, he took a run down here to see his friends.

In speaking of mackerel he said that on this trip up the coast, and only a few days ago, to the southward of Hatteras, and just before the vessel hauled up for the Diamond Shoals lightship, they sailed all night through schools of mackerel. There were lots of them and in large schools.

There Was No Chance for Being Mistaken

as to what kind of fish they were, for they were mackerel all right. Capt. Winter is sure of it.

Coming so definitely from such a reliable source, the report is worthy the consideration of all, and merits an investigation by some local or government craft.

Winter mackerel fishing south of Cape Hatteras would be a most alluring occupation for vessel owners, skippers and fishermen, and would tend to reduce materially the big winter haddock fleet, and other fleets also, for that matter.

The Halifax Chronicle reports large schools of mackerel still on the Nova Scotia coast, a most unprecedented occurrence. The paper states that on Wednesday several fine schools were sighted right in the Northwest Arm, handy to the city.

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# HERRING PLENTY IN NORTH ARM

To keep in touch with all the kaleidoscopic changes in the herring situation on the west coast of Newfoundland this season would require a leased wire and a special operator at each end. In no season since the fishery was taken up on this coast have the herring acted in a more variable manner and the reports of one day have generally been nullified by the next day's dispatches.

A few days ago it looked as though all was bright at Bay of Islands and everybody was happy. Later telegrams change the outlook considerably. But few herring are now reported in the Middle Arm, and about all the fishing is now in the North Arm, where it is reported good. Recent despatches state that the large herring are now scarce and that the fish now being taken are not of the same fine size that they were getting the first of the week.

At Bonne Bay the fishery is over for the season, and the last vessel has left there, this being the Nova Scotia sch. Colonia with a full load of salt herring for the American market.

A Boston fish bureau dispatch states that sch. Saladin has loaded a cargo of salt herring at Bay of Islands, and sailed, and sch. Corona is also loaded.

It is reported that sch. Strathcona, now at this port with salt herring from Bonne Bay, has been chartered to go to Fortune Bay for a herring cargo as soon as she finishes discharging here.

The Lockeport sch. Ida M. Clark, now here with salt barrelled herring, has not been chartered to go to Fortune Bay.

Sch. Claudia Repairing Leak at North Sydney.

Sch. Claudia of this port, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., for a cargo of herring, put in at North Sydney, C. B., recently for harbor, and sailed early in the week, but was obliged to return, as she was leaking around the stern post. Repairs were made under direction of Capt. Reuben Cameron, who was returning from Bay of Islands, where he had been for the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company, and the craft will be ready to proceed today.

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## European Herring Report.

William Reid, of Stettin, reports on the 27th ult.:

In consequence of continuous unfavorable news from Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, which indicated an abrupt close of the herring fishing, our market assumed a firm aspect and prices for all kinds advanced further, especially Yarmouth matties, and also matfals were paid considerably higher.

Holland reports small arrivals and rising prices. The total now amounts to 693,929 bbls.; against 538,456 in 1908, and 708,473 in 1907.

Germany totals 405,343 bbls. against 342,695 in 1908 and 332,198 in 1907, and reports that the smaller sizes of herrings are nearly cleared out.

Norway cured further 10,000 bbls. fat herring, so that the total now amounts to 492,578 bbls. against 369,882 in 1908 and 234,041 in 1907. Prices are unchanged.

Sweden reports that the winter herring fishing has set in very early this season. Several cargoes of fresh herring have already arrived here.

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## Eels at Boston.

Large quantities of eels are coming to Boston now from the provinces and from home ports. Beside the regular trade, the Boston dealers are finding a market for eels in New York, where it is said the catch this year is 60 per cent. less than last year. Most of the eels are sent to Italian colonies in large centers where they are always in demand about the holiday time.

## Will Ship Smelt From New Brunswick.

Capt. George W. Turner of this city has gone to Bay of Chalems, New Brunswick, and will superintend the catching and shipping of smelts for Boston and New York parties. He expects to ship the big amount of 600 tons of these little fish before the season closes.

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## MET GALE IN OPEN DORY.

Nova Scotia Fishermen Swept Across the Bay of Fundy.

Wayland and William McDormand, two fishermen from Gulliver's Cove, N. S., blown off the Nova Scotia coast in Tuesday's east-southeast gale, arrived at Beaver Harbor, N. B., Wednesday, after a terrible experience in an open dory, with no power only oars, and a sea drag rigged from their trawl gear to guide their little craft, and keep her head to the biggest seas that have prevailed in the Bay of Fundy for some time.

The squall struck their little craft at 4.30 Tuesday morning. In the severe darkness before dawn they judged that they were at that time about three miles off Gulliver's Cove. The wind was so severe that no boat could be rowed to windward, and if the rest of the boats which were out at the time had not been fitted with gasoline engines, all would have met a similar experience, but perhaps would not have been so fortunate in reaching land as the McDormand brothers.

This is the second time that Wayland McDormand, the eldest brother in the dory, has crossed the Bay of Fundy in an open boat in a gale of wind. His other miraculous escape from death occurred several winters ago when he reached St. John in a blustering snow storm after he had been given up as lost. That time he sailed back again in his own boat, but by the tone of the message to his grief-stricken mother Wednesday he evidently returned by rail to St. John, and steamer to Digby, the latter being far more comfortable at this season of the year.

## BR. SCH. EMPRESS SAFE.

Was Supplied With Provisions By Fishing Sch. Terra Nova.

The three-masted sch. Empress, 17 days from Yarmouth for Montague, P. E. I., arrived at Liverpool, N. S., a few days ago, with mainsail and jib split and other damage. The vessel was driven over on the American coast during the storm, and was supplied with provisions by sch. Terra Nova.

## Lunenburg Fish Notes.

Sch. Muriel B. Walters, is ready to sail for Porto Rico with a cargo of fish shipped by the Atlantic Fish Companies, Limited.

The Lunenburg schooner Clintonia, which loaded at St. John's, N. F., for Barbados, arrived at her destination a few days ago in a pretty bad state. She met terrific weather on the run down and was leaking badly on arrival. She had nearly all her canvas blown away and it is thought a good deal of her cargo is damaged. Repairs will be effected at Barbados.

## Herring Continue Late on Nova Scotia Coast.

Even at this late season, herring are netted at Clark's Harbor, N. S., and vicinity, sometimes in considerable numbers. The schools certainly have not departed. They apparently keep close to the bottom and the takes are only by deeply sunk nets. Not much time is given to this pursuit on the verge of lobstering, but with proper gear, it would pay. Floating traps in good berths could be held in position this kind of weather, and no doubt the hauls would be large.

## Destroyed Illegal Lobster Traps.

Last week the Canadian government cruiser Curlew, watching around the Tusquets, made another successful descent on lobster traps put out prematurely. It is rumored that nearly 600 traps were pulled up and smashed by the cruiser's two scouting boats. The law as to opening was not religiously kept elsewhere, though most fishermen waited till Monday before venturing out. They escaped scot free.

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## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Teazer was at Shelburne, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Shelburne, N. S., on Wednesday, and cleared.

Sch. Arthur James was at Louisburg, C. B., on Wednesday, and cleared.

## Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel to date at Boston are 23,430 barrels against 38,358 up to this time last season and 20,448 barrels in 1907.

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## Nova Scotia Lobster Season Opened.

The Nova Scotia lobster fishing season opened on Wednesday last, and everything is in readiness for a big season's work. It is hoped that the catch will be large.

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# NO ARRIVALS AGAIN TODAY.

## One Pollock Steamer Arrived Yesterday With Small Fare.

Arrivals here with fish still continue to be a minus quality, this being another morning with not a fare in. Since Wednesday there have been no arrivals here except the netting steamers Nomad and Quoddy with a handful of fish each. Next week's story should be different. Yesterday afternoon the steamer Quoddy had 2000 pounds of pollock.

This is another bad day for the market boats, as it is blowing hard outside, too hard to fish. All they have done this week is go out and look at it and dodge back to harbor. Last night, they all went out and early this morning began to put back again. Some stayed out and jogged just off Eastern Point, hoping it would moderate so they could run off and set.

Sch. Triton is at this port from Jonesport, Me., with a cargo of boxed, barrelled and smoked boneless herring for George Perkins & Son.

## Today's Receipts.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston.  
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.  
Sch. Seacomet, via Boston.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Rebecca, Boston.  
Sch. Alice, shore.  
Sch. Buema, shore.  
Sch. Manomet, shore.  
Sch. Washakie, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Athena, shore.  
Sch. Hope, shore.  
Sch. Pauline, pollocking.  
Sch. Emerald, pollocking.

## Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.  
Board of trade prices:  
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.  
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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## Nova Scotia Lobsters at Boston.

One thousand crates of live lobsters formed a part of the cargo of the D. A. R. line steamer Boston, which arrived at Boston yesterday from Yarmouth, N. S. The season for lobsters was declared open a few days ago and heavy shipments are expected from now on.

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## Shipped Halibut to Boston.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Shelburne, N. S., a few days ago, and shipped 2500 pounds of halibut to Boston. She also had on board 4000 pounds of salt cod.

## Sch. Cynthia Made Good Stocks.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, made the fine stock of \$1900 on her big eastern haddock and cod fare landed at Boston Saturday.